

# city college news

## Leadership and advocacy earn Premier's Award for graduate Kevin King

Ontario Premier Ernie Eves gave George Brown graduate Kevin King a provincial award on February 24 and then sat and listened as King made a public appeal for more college funding in his acceptance speech.

King urged "all the parliamentarians" at the Premier's Award Dinner at the Harbour Castle Westin to "take the road less traveled" and give more support to colleges, in the roundly applauded speech.

A former Marketing student and student association president, King received the 2002 Premier's Award in the Recent Graduate category.

George Brown president Frank Sorochinsky says King was a good choice for the annual award, which is sponsored by the Ontario Council of Regents.

"Kevin is a youth and community activist whose advocacy influenced many student and city initiatives during his time at George Brown College," says Sorochinsky. "He has demonstrated leadership through word and deed and I am delighted to congratulate him on the significance of this award."

Originally from Jamaica, Kevin lived in Rexdale and survived the violent death of a close friend when he decided to take an aggressive role in community activism. He became involved in community and municipal organizations and co-founded the Rexdale Foundation, which raised funds to provide post-secondary educational opportunities to local youth.



Ontario Premier Ernie Eves (centre) and Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities Diane Cunningham present George Brown graduate Kevin King with a Premier's Award for the Recent Graduate Category.

He was president of George Brown College's student association in 2001/2002 and graduated in Business Administration and Marketing in May 2002.

"I am honoured to be recognized by Premier Eves. My experience at George Brown College gave me a well-rounded education and the opportunity to represent the student body and build strong bonds with faculty and administration," says King. "I began George Brown College as a youth and graduated three years later as a man equipped with the necessary tools to contribute to Toronto's social and political development. The college's central location allowed me to continue my work with municipal committees while I completed my studies."

Kevin continues to play a role in Toronto's evolution and is the only youth member of

the Toronto City Summit Alliance. He has also served as Chairperson of the Toronto Youth Council and the Rexdale Youth Council. Kevin served as the youth consultant

for Toronto's 2008 Olympic Bid Committee and was hired as a youth advocate for city councillor Bruce Sinclair to advise him on youth issues.

King was a double winner on February 24. At a luncheon he was presented with the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO) award for student leadership.

In addition to receiving the ACAATO and Premier's Awards, Kevin has won the George Brown College President's Award for Leadership, the New Pioneers Youth Award, the Harry Jerome Award for Outstanding Leadership and the Mayor of Etobicoke's Award of Merit.

Kevin now works as a public affairs coordinator for Xerox Canada.

## Survey Ranks Con Ed courses 1st for Quality

George Brown's Continuing Education teachers got top ratings for the quality of teaching and the courses according to the recent findings of a provincial survey. According to Colin Simpson, Dean for the Centre for Continuous Learning, George Brown has consistently ranked extremely high in the teaching and courses especially. "Ratings are well over 90 per cent in these areas and we are the leader among all other metro colleges in the quality of instructors. We've also

shown an incredible increase in a number of service areas, including the quality of classrooms, student support, campus resources, career counseling and services for special needs students."

The survey, which is conducted every two years, was designed to establish benchmarks to assess performance and future trends in all aspects of a student's experience, including teaching and learning.

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## Design School Lecture Series expanding its reach in community

Since it launched in the fall of 2001, the George Brown Design Showcase lecture series has been steadily



Ryan Massiah (right) and Jim Kinney are working on a new Web-based Resource Centre for students based on the Design School's highly successful Technology Showcase lecture series. The site is scheduled for completion by September 2003.

expanding its content and reach. Faculty member Jim Kinney describes the program as "dedicated to creating a dynamic, evolving, interactive resource for students, faculty and industry partners in the design field by facilitating the sharing of information and ideas...a meeting place where educators, students and industry can build and maintain mutually beneficial relationships that will serve to contribute to a stronger, more cohesive design community."

Kinney says that while the series began as a means to bring suppliers in to instruct first year students on their products and/or services, "The response was so positive, we

decided to expand the concept beyond a single classroom. We began with 60 students attending. Now it's up to 200 a lecture or more." Today the series features an ongoing roster of weekly presentations from individuals representing a diverse range of companies associated with the design profession, from software, database and hardware suppliers to advertisers, animation and new media specialists.

Technology Showcase will soon be expanding even further with the development of a new Web-based Resource Centre for students and industry. Kinney has been working with third-year Graphic Design student Ryan Massiah in devel-

oping a site that will allow users to access presentations by past and current presenters. "When the site is completed by the fall of 2003, students and other interested parties will be able to stay in contact with each other through the notification board, view calendars, link to corporate Web sites and attend virtual classrooms," says Kinney.

He says the success of the new Technology Showcase Resource Centre is in large part because of the involvement of many students along the way. "People like Ryan have been instrumental in helping us build this program. We couldn't have done it without their input and support."

## Technology in the City 2003 features more student competitions and prizes

For the first time, George Brown will be awarding up to 12 free first year tuition prizes to high school contest winners at Technology in the City 2003 being held March 25 from 11:30 am to 8:00 pm. at the George Brown Casa Loma campus. This year the college is hosting eight individual and group competitions, which is double the number held in 2002. They are:

**Micromania** – students must assemble and build a small robotic car from a kit that can find its way to a maze

**Information Technology** – competitors are required to design and install a computer system (including PC assembly, connection, configuration and preparing documentation)

**Mechanical Car** – students build a battery-operated vehicle from a kit to travel up a ramp

**Mechanical CAD (Computer Aided Design)** – participants use mechanical drafting software to transform an isometric drawing into computer-generated parts views

**Architectural CAD** – using AutoCAD, students must reproduce architectural drawings in digital form

**Sheet Metal** – students lay out, create cutting diagrams and fabricate a quality sheet metal product

**Carpentry** – participants must demonstrate their skills in drawing, milling and machining wood

**Masonry** – competitors are required to lay out and construct walls laying brick and applying stucco coating

The competitions are only part of what's in store at Technology in the City 2003. The day's events will also include facility tours, displays and an opportunity for visitors



A scene from last year's Technology in the City

to talk to numerous industry representatives in the IT and Building Technologies sector. The agenda will include:

**Faculty of Technology Tours** conducted by George Brown student ambassadors – 12:00 to 3:00 pm

**Industry Trade Exposition** featuring displays by corporate partners and suppliers – 11:00 am to 7:30 pm

**George Brown Student Demonstrations** in Mechanical, Microelectronics and Building Technology – 1:00 to 3:00 pm

**Open House** hosted by Faculty of Technology Dean Joy McKinnon – 5:00 to 8:00 pm

For more information on Technology in the City 2003, contact Anne Kennedy at 416-415-5000 ext. 4476.

## Continuing Education

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Other survey highlights include:

- Increase of 7 per cent since 2000 in the quality of instructors category, and a 7 per cent increase in quality of courses
- 15 per cent increase in satisfaction ratings for facilities and services
- First place satisfaction ratings for bookstore staff and library services

Simpson adds, "We are very proud of the work we have done, and these results reflect the results of those efforts. This study is especially important, because it is based on feedback from the students who take part in these programs."

In the past four years, George Brown has grown from being the seventh largest deliverer of Continuing Education courses and programs in the

province to the second largest. Simpson says, "It is very encouraging to see that the quality of our programs has also kept pace with this extraordinary growth. These achievements are due to the high quality teachers that we are able to recruit and retain and the tremendous work that both our support staff and administrative staff have done to support our Continuing Education students and teachers."

Last year, George Brown's Centre for Continuous Learning was the recipient of a Provincial Program Excellence award from the Heads of Continuing Education. "Our success has been based on careful planning and preparation and constant revision, review, and development of Continuing Education courses and pro-



George Brown Continuing Education courses and instructors have been winning high praise from students according to a recent provincial survey. Shown here are some of the members of the Continuing Education team.

grams," says Simpson. "We cannot afford to sit still when our competitors are moving forward. All our staff recognize the importance of customer service and the need to constantly improve our programming, quality of instruction and quality of service."

Continuing Education students in over 22 Ontario colleges are surveyed and results are categorized according to the quality of services, instructors and programs among other criteria. More than 80,300 students were surveyed for the 2002 report.

## Orthotics and Prosthetics thriving at our "hidden campus"



R. J. Clements is one of three full-time staff members in George Brown's Orthotics and Prosthetics program at Sunnybrook Hospital.

Although George Brown's Orthotics and Prosthetics program at Sunnybrook Hospital is somewhat removed from the more familiar campus locations, it has gained a considerable reputation in the world of Community Services and

Health Sciences. In fact, George Brown is the only school in Canada to offer a full-time Orthotics and Prosthetics technical training program, and one of only two accredited clinical training schools.

An integral part of the

George Brown system since 1972, the program currently has three full-time staff (Program Coordinator Dan Blocka and Professors Gord Ruder and R. J. Clements), who work in conjunction with head clinical instructors from regional health centres to deliver courses to the more than 55 students. The unique setting provides students with an opportunity to use a full range of fabrication and computer equipment, as well as gain hands-on experience in a clinical setting.

The two-year Technician course prepares students in the fabrication and design of orthotics and/or prostheses. The Clinical Methods program is a two-year post-graduate offering, which prepares students for work in clinical settings (graduates from this program then enter a

22-month internship).

Clements says demand for places in both disciplines is very high. "Entrance requirements are stringent, and competition is stiff. Only 25 students are selected for the first year of the Technician program, and only eight for the Clinical program."

"What George Brown has to offer in this area is unique and very well respected by the healthcare industry," he adds. "It's a demanding discipline that requires very specific skill sets. The students who join us are energetic, motivated and dedicated to the field, and spend countless hours in the labs working on projects. We're very proud of this program and our students."

The Technician program has been running since 1972. The Clinical Methods program started in 1979.



## Canadian journalist and historian Gwynne Dyer visits George Brown

On February 11, renowned journalist and commentator Gwynne Dyer visited George Brown to deliver a lecture to George Brown students, faculty members and other guests. Dyer's topic, "The New War and the World", provided an insightful and up-to-the-minute analysis of terrorism and the situation in the Middle East. The lecture was jointly sponsored by the Office of the Vice-President Academic Excellence and Student Success, the International Department and the Centre for Community Services and Development.

## Hilbert College representatives visit Commununity Services and Development students

On February 20, Kathryn Eskew, Chair of the Human Sciences Department, and Mary Weissflach, Admissions Counsellor at Hilbert College in Hamburg, New York, visited George Brown to talk with about 40 students in the Centre for Community Services and Development. Four programs in the Centre – Community Worker, Human Services Counsellor, Child and Youth Worker and AWCCA – have an articulation agreement with Hilbert, which offers program graduates direct entry in to the third year of a four-year Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services. Further information is available from Georgia Quartaro at ext. 2333.

## Angels in America: Millennium Approaches



Lara Cotnam and Christopher Darroch in George Brown Theatre's production of Angels in America: Millennium Approaches which ran from February 12 to 23. Photo by Andrew Oxenham.

# upcoming events

## Free Career Planning Workshop

March 10, April 7 (6:30 to 9:30 pm)

St. James Campus, 200 King St. E., Room 461D

Call 416-415-2000 ext. 3444 and press 1 to register.

## George Brown College's 11th Annual Labour Fair

March 17 to 21

All campuses

Call Maureen Hynes at 416-415-5000 ext. 2549

## Marketing in the New Economy Information Sessions

March 19, April 20, May 21 (6:15 to 7:00 pm)

St. James Campus, 200 King St. E., Room 315A

Call 416-415-5000 ext. 2160

## Hospitality Discovery Days

March 20, April 15 (2:00 to 4:00 pm)

Hospitality & Tourism

Take a complete tour of the facilities, see demonstrations by chef/instructors, etc.

Call Heather Comrie at 416-415-5000 ext. 2239

## Jammin' to Jamaica

March 21 (6:00 pm cash bar, 6:30 dinner)

Siegfried's

Fundraising dinner for ECE students' field placement

Tickets are \$60 each

Contact Lynn Wilson at 416-415-5000 ext. 2340

## Free True Colors® Workshop

March 24, May 5 (6:30 to 9:30 pm)

St. James Campus, 200 King St. E., Room 461D

Call 416-415-2000 ext. 3444 and press 3 to register.

## Technology in the City

March 25

Casa Loma

Call Anne Kennedy at 416-415-5000 ext. 4476

## Theatre School Productions

April 15 to 26

Spring Repertory Season:

*Lady Windemere's Fan* and *The Visit*

George Brown Theatre,

530 King Street East

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and

pay-what-you-can for Saturday matinees.

Call 416-415-5000 ext. 2167

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